

# Bernadette O'Farrell

**Bernadette O'Farrell** (30 January 1924 – 26 September 1999) was an Irish actress. She was born in Birr, County Offaly, Irish Free State.<sup>[1]</sup> She was married to the film writer, director and producer Frank Launder from 1950 until his death in 1997. They had two daughters together.<sup>[2]</sup>

She is best known for playing Maid Marian in the 1950s TV version of *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. She left the show in 1957, after 78 episodes, to avoid type-casting, and was replaced by Patricia Driscoll.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

She played an English mistress, Miss Harper, in *The Happiest Days of Your Life* (1949), Jessie Bond in *The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan* (1953) and Peg Curtis in the boxing film *The Square Ring* (1953).<sup>[5]</sup> She retired from acting in 1959 to live on a farm in Buckinghamshire, England. Later, O'Farrell and Launder moved to Monaco.<sup>[2]</sup> Her last film appearance was in *The Wildcats of St. Trinian's* (1980).<sup>[5]</sup>

## Filmography

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1947	<i><u>Captain Boycott</u></i>	Mrs. Fagan	
1950	<i><u>The Happiest Days of Your Life</u></i>	Miss Harper	
1951	<i><u>Life in Her Hands</u></i>	Mary Gordon	
1951	<i><u>Lady Godiva Rides Again</u></i>	Janie	
1952	<i><u>Lady in the Fog</u></i>	Heather McMara	
1953	<i><u>The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan</u></i>	Jessie Bond	
1953	<i><u>The Genie</u></i>		
1953	<i><u>The Square Ring</u></i>	Peg Curtis	
1959	<i><u>The Bridal Path</u></i>	Siona	
1980	<i><u>The Wildcats of St Trinians</u></i>	Miss Carfax	(final film role)

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As Maid Marian in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

<b>Born</b>	30 January 1924 <div><u>Birr</u>, <u>County Offaly</u>, <u>Ireland</u></div>
<b>Died</b>	26 September 1999 <div>(aged 75)</div> <div><u>Monaco</u></div>
<b>Occupation</b>	Actor
<b>Years active</b>	1947–1959
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	<u>Frank Launder</u> <div>(1950–1997; his death)</div> <div>2 children</div>

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As nurse Mary Gordon in *Life in Her Hands* (1951)

## External links

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- Bernadette O'Farrell (<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0640968/>) at *IMDb*

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